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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2012-1)]

Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

SUMMARY: The Board has approved the first quarter 2012 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The first quarter 2012 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.169. The first quarter 2012 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.514. The first quarter 2012 RCAF-5 is 0.488. The Board noted an error in the fourth quarter 2011 Labor index, which will be accounted for using the second quarter 2012 forecast error calculation.

DATES: Effective Date: January 1, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information is contained in the

Board's decision, which is available on our website, http://www.stb.dot.gov. Copies of

the decision may be purchased by contacting the Office of Public Assistance,

Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Assistance for the hearing

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This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

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Decided: December 19, 2011.

By the Board, Chairman Elliott, Vice Chairman Begeman, and Commissioner Mulvey.

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Clearance Clerk

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